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Please replace the text of the last paragraph on page 4 and the first paragraph on page 5 with the following text:

In the above formula, Fl is a fluorophore, N is a nitrogen atom, Bd1 and Bd2 are independently selected binding groups, Sp is an aliphatic spacer, and An is an anchor group for attaching the sensor to solid substrates. n, m, x, and y are integers, where n = 1 or 2, m = 1 or 2, and y = 1 or 2. The binding groups are capable of binding an analyte molecule to form a stable 1:1 complex. Examples of